



# ILHIE Direct News

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## Illinois Health Information Exchange Offers First Service

The Illinois Health Information Exchange is pleased to assist licensed Illinois healthcare professionals in reaching Stage 1 Meaningful Use with ILHIE Direct Secure Messaging service at no cost throughout 2012.

**Secure messaging** protects sensitive health data sent between providers in compliance with industry regulations such as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). ILHIE Direct allows providers to quickly achieve clinical exchange for Stage 1 Meaningful Use by sharing clinical data through secure and encrypted email capability.

**ILHIE Direct Secure Messaging Solution** enables providers to send patient health information via the internet in a secure and encrypted format to recipients with an ILHIE Direct address (a special e-mail address). It's simple, fast and offered at no cost through December 2012.

### **ILHIE DIRECT CAN BE USED IN EVERYDAY PRACTICE.**

**Achieving Stage 1 Meaningful Use Test Between Providers** – See opposite page

**Referral** - A primary care physician sends an email with a referral along with all necessary patient information and lab results to a surgeon.

**Transition of Care** - A family physician sends an email with a treatment summary of a patient to a long term care facility when the patient is admitted.

**Response to a Request From Another Provider** - A cardiologist is seeing a patient and needs more detailed history than the patient can provide. In response to the request from the cardiologist, the patient's physician can send the history via an email instead of a lengthy paper fax.

Licensed Illinois providers interested in adopting the ILHIE Direct Messaging Solution at no cost should visit [www.ILHIEdirect.net](http://www.ILHIEdirect.net) to learn more and register through the ILHIE Direct portal. Questions can be directed to Cory Verblen at 312-793-0430 or via email to [cory.verblen@illinois.gov](mailto:cory.verblen@illinois.gov).

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## Exchange Confidential Health Information Securely at No Cost

ILHIE Direct users can now share sensitive and confidential health care information without the risk of breach or exposure. Unlike traditional email, encrypted messages and attachments are sent through and then received in a secure Clinical Message Portal. Using ILHIE Direct is simple, intuitive and very much like sending an email.

### How to Register

- Have your 10 digit National Provider Identification Number (NPI) and Illinois license number available
- Go to [www.ILHIEdirect.net](http://www.ILHIEdirect.net), click on “Register for ILHIE Direct” and fill out and submit the form
- You will receive confirmation that your form has been submitted successfully
- Within one business day we will contact you by phone and will need to speak directly with the registrant for identity attestation
- Upon verifying your identity and credentials, you will receive your ILHIE Direct address within two business days and will be ready to exchange secure messages
- **You may now test or exchange clinical information with another licensed Illinois provider with an ILHIE Direct address (or with the ILHIE) to achieve the Stage 1 Meaningful Use.**

### Once Registered

- Go to <https://ilhiedirect.surescripts.net>
- Use your ILHIE Direct address and password to log on

### Using the Portal

- You can send a secure message to any licensed Illinois provider, but the recipient must register for ILHIE Direct to view and reply.
- A "Track" tab will show when the message was created, sent and viewed, deleted or moved.
- Messages can be recalled from the sent folder, saved and moved into folders and printed

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